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REMARKS

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner refers to the recitation in claim 26 that reads “the reduced pressure differential provided by a **plenum vacuum connection operative to apply plenum vacuum** to an upstream end of the vacuum channel when the channel is covered by a sheet carried over the channel on the conveyor belts . . .” (emphasis by Examiner).

The Examiner finds it unclear how “a connection” per se can apply plenum vacuum and, further, that it is unclear which element or elements are referred to by the recitation “plenum vacuum connection”.

Claim 26 has been amended in a manner believed to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. Specifically, a portion of the language objected to by the Examiner has been deleted and replaced by the express language recited later in claim 26 defining the “plenum vacuum connection,” as the vacuum starter opening (30) that provides the operative connection between the plenum and the upstream end of the vacuum channel.

As amended, claim 26 is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 13-20 have been allowed and claims 22-25 are withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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